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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1, 4, 6, 9, 15, 16, 21, 23, 26, 32 and 47, without prejudice; amend claims 2, 5, 7, 8, 10, 12, 13, 17-19, 22, 25, 27, 29 and 30; and add new claims 48-55 as follows.

1. (currently canceled) A hat comprising:
 - a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a lower periphery, an outside, and an inside;
 - a horizontally oriented brim;
 - a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion; and
 - a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured along the inside of the crown portion and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim,whereby the user may rotate the brim relative to the crown portion a full 360 degrees.
2. (currently amended) The hat of claim [1] 48, wherein the first member is a T-shaped track and the second member is a C-shaped channel.
3. (original claim) The hat of claim 2, wherein the C-shaped channel is vertically oriented

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with its opening facing up toward the T-shaped track, and wherein the T-shaped track is vertically oriented with its crossbar facing down toward the C-shaped channel.

4. (currently canceled) The hat of claim 1, wherein the extension has a vertical orientation.
5. (currently amended) The hat of claim [1] 48, wherein the first and second members are made of [Nylon®] nylon.
6. (currently canceled) The hat of claim 1, wherein the first member has a height measured along a line that is substantially perpendicular to the lower periphery, and wherein the first member is recessed from the lower periphery a distance equal to or greater than its height.
7. (currently amended) The hat of claim [6] 49, wherein the first member is about 0.5 cm in height, and wherein the first member is recessed from the lower periphery a distance of about 0.5 cm.
8. (currently amended) The hat of claim [1] 48, wherein the first member comprises a continuous, unbroken, elongated first member that extends completely around the inner side of the crown portion.

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9. (currently canceled) The hat of claim 1, wherein the first member comprises an elongated member extending around the inner side of the crown portion, the elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein the first member further comprises a bridging member at least partially connecting the first and second side edges.

10. (currently amended) The hat of claim [1] 48, wherein the second member of the sliding assembly is adapted to be removed from the first member.

11. (original) The hat of claim 10, wherein the first member comprises an elongated member extending partially around the inner side of the crown portion, the elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein the second member of the sliding assembly is adapted to be removed from the first member by separating the side edges and sliding the second member through the gap.

12. (currently amended) The hat of claim [1] 48, wherein the crown portion extends from [the] a lower peripheral edge to an upper periphery edge, whereby the crown portion is a cylindrical shape comprising a lower opening and an upper opening.

13. (currently amended) The hat of claim [1] 48, wherein the crown portion further

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comprises a front segment, and wherein on the outside of the crown portion at the front section there is attached a primary decorative symbol, letter, word, badge, emblem, or logo.

14. (original) The hat of claim 13, wherein the crown portion further comprises a plurality of side segments, and wherein on the outside of the crown portion at one or more of the side segments there is attached at least one secondary decorative symbol, letter, word, badge, emblem, or logo.

15. (currently canceled) The hat according to claim 1, further comprising a circumferential intermediate band disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the circumferential band having a bottom edge attached to the lower periphery and a top edge attached to the headband, wherein the sliding assembly is disposed between the headband and the circumferential band, and wherein the first member is secured along the circumferential band recessed from the bottom edge.

16. (currently canceled) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a horizontal lower periphery, a vertical central axis, an outside, an inside, and an adjustable assembly adapted to adjust the circumferential size of the crown portion;

a horizontally oriented brim; and

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion; and

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a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured to the inside of the crown portion and extending parallel to and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim.

17. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 51, wherein the brim rotates at least about 180 degrees relative to the crown portion.

18. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 51, wherein the adjustable assembly comprises a hook-and-loop closure, a buckle-and-strap closure, or an interlocking closure.

19. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 51, wherein the first member is a T-shaped track and the second member is a C-shaped channel.

20. (original) The hat of claim 19, wherein the C-shaped channel is vertically oriented with its opening facing up toward the T-shaped track, and wherein the T-shaped track is vertically oriented with its crossbar facing down toward the C-shaped channel.

21. (currently canceled) The hat of claim 16, wherein the extension has a vertical orientation.

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22. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 51, wherein the first and second members are made of [Nylon®] nylon.

23. (currently canceled) The hat of claim 16, wherein the first member has a height measured along a line that is substantially perpendicular to the lower periphery, and wherein the first member is recessed from the lower periphery a distance equal to or greater than its height.

24. (currently amended) The hat of claim [23] 52, wherein the first member is about 0.5 cm in height, and wherein the first member is recessed from the lower periphery a distance of about 0.5 cm.

25. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 48, wherein the first member comprises a continuous, unbroken, elongated first member that extends completely around the inner side of the crown portion.

26. (currently canceled) The hat of claim 16, wherein the first member comprises an elongated member extending around the inner side of the crown portion, the elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein the first

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member further comprises a bridging member at least partially connecting the first and second side edges.

27. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 51, wherein the second member of the sliding assembly is adapted to be removed from the first member.

28. (original) The hat of claim 27, wherein the first member comprises an elongated member extending partially around the inner side of the crown portion, the elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein the second member of the sliding assembly is adapted to be removed from the first member by separating the side edges and sliding the second member through the gap.

29. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 51, wherein the crown portion extends from the lower peripheral edge to an upper periphery edge, whereby the crown portion is a cylindrical shape comprising a lower opening and an upper opening.

30. (currently amended) The hat of claim [16] 51, wherein the crown portion further comprises a front segment, and wherein on the outside of the crown portion at the front section there is attached a primary decorative symbol, letter, word, badge, emblem, or logo.

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31. (original) The hat of claim 30, wherein the crown portion further comprises a plurality of side segments, and wherein on the outside of the crown portion at one or more of the side segments there is attached at least one secondary decorative symbol, letter, word, badge, emblem, or logo.

32. (currently canceled) The hat according to claim 16, further comprising a circumferential intermediate band disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the circumferential band having a bottom edge attached to the lower periphery and a top edge attached to the headband, wherein the sliding assembly is disposed between the headband and the circumferential band, and wherein the first member is secured along the circumferential band recessed from the bottom edge.

33. (original) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a lower horizontal periphery, a central vertical axis, an outside, and an inside;

a horizontally oriented brim;

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion;

a circumferential intermediate band disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the circumferential band having a bottom edge attached to the lower periphery and a top edge attached to the headband; and

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a sliding assembly disposed between the headband and the circumferential band, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured along the circumferential band recessed from the bottom edge, and a second member secured to the brim by an extension and slidably attached to the first member,

whereby the brim is rotatable relative to the crown portion.

34. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the first member is a T-shaped track and the second member is a C-shaped channel.

35. (original) The hat of claim 34, wherein the C-shaped channel is vertically oriented with its opening facing up toward the T-shaped track, and wherein the T-shaped track is vertically oriented with its crossbar facing down toward the C-shaped channel.

36. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the extension has a vertical orientation.

37. (currently amended) The hat of claim 33, wherein the first and second members are made of [Nylon®] nylon.

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38. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the first member has a height measured along a line that is substantially perpendicular to the lower periphery, and wherein the first member is recessed from the lower periphery a distance equal to or greater than its height.

39. (original) The hat of claim 38, wherein the first member is about 0.5 cm in height, and wherein the first member is recessed from the lower periphery a distance of about 0.5 cm.

40. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the first member comprises a continuous, unbroken, elongated first member that extends completely around the inner side of the crown portion.

41. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the first member comprises an elongated member extending around the inner side of the crown portion, the elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein the first member further comprises a bridging member at least partially connecting the first and second side edges.

42. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the second member of the sliding assembly is adapted to be removed from the first member.

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43. (original) The hat of claim 42, wherein the first member comprises an elongated member extending partially around the inner side of the crown portion, the elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein the second member of the sliding assembly is adapted to be removed from the first member by separating the side edges and sliding the second member through the gap.

44. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the crown portion extends from the lower peripheral edge to an upper periphery edge, whereby the crown portion is a cylindrical shape comprising a lower opening and an upper opening.

45. (original) The hat of claim 33, wherein the crown portion further comprises a front segment, and wherein on the outside of the crown portion at the front section there is attached a primary decorative symbol, letter, word, badge, emblem, or logo.

46. (original) The hat of claim 45, wherein the crown portion further comprises a plurality of side segments, and wherein on the outside of the crown portion at one or more of the side segments there is attached at least one secondary decorative symbol, letter, word, badge, emblem, or logo.

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47. (currently canceled) Headwear comprising a crown having a substantially circumferential body to fit on a wearer's head, at least one bill or brim extending substantially laterally away from the crown body and the wearer's head, and at least one slide means for connection of the bill or brim to the crown and for rotation of the bill or brim relative to the crown, the improvement in which the slide means comprises a first subassembly attached to the periphery of the crown body and extending at least a substantial portion around the circumference of the crown body, and a second subassembly attached to the bill or brim adjacent the crown body, the first and second subassemblies each having a channel member with means for interlocking and slidable engagement of the channel members relative to each other, the first subassembly comprising a headband having upper and lower sides and an intermediate web having upper and lower sides with the upper sides of both the headband and the intermediate web attached to each other and the lower side of the intermediate web attached to the periphery of the crown body, the channel member of the first subassembly positioned between the headband and the intermediate web such that the channel members do not touch the wearer's head.

48. (New) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a lower periphery, an outside, and an inside;

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a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion;

a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured along the inside of the crown portion and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim; and

wherein said extension has a vertical orientation,

whereby the user may rotate the brim relative to the crown portion a full 360 degrees.

49. (New) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a lower periphery, an outside, and an inside;

a horizontally oriented brim;

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion;

a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured along the inside of the crown portion and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim; and

wherein said first member has a height measured along a line that is substantially perpendicular to said lower periphery, and wherein said first member is recessed from said lower periphery a distance equal to or greater than its height,

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whereby the user may rotate the brim relative to the crown portion a full 360 degrees.

50. (New) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a lower periphery, an outside, and an inside;

a horizontally oriented brim;

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion;

a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured along the inside of the crown portion and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim; and

wherein said first member comprises an elongated member extending around the inner side of the crown portion, said elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein said first member further comprises a bridging member at least partially connecting said first and second side edges,

whereby the user may rotate the brim relative to the crown portion a full 360 degrees.

51. (New) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a horizontal lower periphery, a vertical central axis, an outside, an inside, and an

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adjustable assembly adapted to adjust the circumferential size of the crown portion;

a horizontally oriented brim;

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion; a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured to the inside of the crown portion and extending parallel to and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim, and

wherein said extension has a vertical orientation.

52. (New) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a horizontal lower periphery, a vertical central axis, an outside, an inside, and an adjustable assembly adapted to adjust the circumferential size of the crown portion;

a horizontally oriented brim; and

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion; a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured to the inside of the crown portion and extending parallel to and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim,

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wherein the first member has a height measured along a line that is substantially perpendicular to the lower periphery, and wherein the first member is recessed from the lower periphery a distance equal to or greater than its height.

53. (New) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a horizontal lower periphery, a vertical central axis, an outside, an inside, and an adjustable assembly adapted to adjust the circumferential size of the crown portion;

a horizontally oriented brim; and

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion;
a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured to the inside of the crown portion and extending parallel to and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim,

wherein the first member comprises an elongated member extending around the inner side of the crown portion, the elongated member having a pair of side edges defining a gap there between, and wherein the first member further comprises a bridging member at least partially connecting the first and second side edges.

54. (New) A hat comprising:

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a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a horizontal lower periphery, a vertical central axis, an outside, an inside, and an adjustable assembly adapted to adjust the circumferential size of the crown portion;

a horizontally oriented brim; and

a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion;

a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured to the inside of the crown portion and extending parallel to and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim, and

a circumferential intermediate band disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the circumferential band having a bottom edge attached to the lower periphery and a top edge attached to the headband, wherein the sliding assembly is disposed between the headband and the circumferential band, and wherein the first member is secured along the circumferential band at a location recessed from the bottom edge and without connection to said headband.

55. (New) A hat comprising:

a crown portion adapted to cover a portion of a wearer's head, the crown portion comprising a lower periphery, an outside, and an inside;

a horizontally oriented brim;

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a headband disposed radially inwardly from the inside of the crown portion; and

a sliding assembly disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the sliding assembly comprising a first member secured along the inside of the crown portion and recessed from the lower periphery, and a second member slidably attached to the first member and comprising an extension secured to the brim,

whereby the user may rotate the brim relative to the crown portion a full 360 degrees, further comprising a circumferential intermediate band disposed between the inside of the crown portion and the headband, the circumferential band having a bottom edge attached to the lower periphery and a top edge attached to the headband, wherein the sliding assembly is disposed between the headband and the circumferential band, and wherein the first member is secured along the circumferential band at a location recessed from the bottom edge and without connection to said headband.